

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone call made on December 3 to check on the status of the application, and the suggestions made by the Examiner during that telephone call. The claim amendments reflect those suggestions.

Claims 1-3, 7, 17-19, 38 and 57-59 were previously pending and examined in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 7 and 38 have been amended. As a result, claims 1-3, 7, 17-19, 38, and 57-59 are pending for examination.

Claim 1 was amended to remove the exclusion of the NY-ESO-1 sequence, SEQ ID NO:8, in view of the previously made amendment. Claim 7 was amended to remove the term "unique". Claim 38 was amended to provide that the method is performed using nucleic acid molecules as claimed in claims 1 and 7. Support for the amendments is provided in the specification and claims as filed. No new matter has been added.

No advisory action was received to indicate the status of the claims. Based on the above-mentioned telephone call with the Examiner, however, it is Applicant's understanding that the present claim amendments will place the application in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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